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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1374

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY LISBON

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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 0478

CARACAS FOR CLAGETT TAYLOR

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED EMBASSY LUSAKA CONTACTS WITH PAUL GUMANE

REF: DAR 806; LOURENCO MARQUES 307

1. THERE LONG HISTORY OF CONTACTS WITH GUMANE BY TAYLOR AND HIS  
PREDECESSORS AS PART OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP IN ROUTINE  
TOUCH WITH ALL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HAVING REPRESENTATIVES IN  
LUSAKA, INCLUDING FRELIMO. CONTACTS WITH GUMANE ENDED IN JUNE  
1974 WHEN ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT CLOSED OFFICES WHICH IT HAD AL-  
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LOCATED TO COREMO AT LUSAKA'S LIBERATION CENTER AND DETAINED

ITS STAFF. GUMANE WAS ABROAD AT THAT TIME AND TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NEVER RETURNED TO ZAMBIA, APPARENTLY FEARING HE TOO WOULD BE ARRESTED BY ZAMBIANS. TAYLOR'S TOUR IN LUSAKA ENDED SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

2. NEITHER TAYLOR NOR OTHER EMBOFFS OFFERED ADVICE TO LIBERATION GROUPS, EXCEPT CONCERNING SASP AND OTHER POSSIBLE EDUCATIONAL AID. IT HIGHLY DOUBTFUL THAT TAYLOR EVEN INADVERTENTLY GAVE GUMANE REASON BELIEVE HE BEING ADVISED TO RETURN TO MOZAMBIQUE TO BUILD HIMSELF UP AS COUNTER-WEIGHT TO FRELIMO. THERE NO RECORD HERE REMOTELY SUPPORTING SUCH CLAIM. EMBASSY REPORTING, E.G., LUSAKA A-81 OF JULY 26, 1974, REFLECTS INSTEAD CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM THAT COREMO AND GUMANE CAPABLE OF PLAYING SUCH ROLE. THIS CABLE AND REFTELS BEING REPEATED TO TAYLOR AT EMBASSY CARACAS FOR HIS COMMENT.

3. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC DENIAL MAY PROVE NECESSARY, BUT IT UNLIKELY PREVENT FURTHER BROADCAST OF ALLEGED GUMANE "CONFESSION" IMPLICATING US PERSONNEL. HOPE CONS LOURENCO MARQUES AND EMB DAR, IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH FRELIMO LEADERSHIP, WILL BE ABLE SET RECORD STRAIGHT AND GET ACROSS THAT US HAD AND CONTINUES HAVE CONTACTS WITH ALL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS STRICTLY TO KEEP USG INFORMED ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN EVENTS, COUNSELLING THOSE ELIGIBLE ON POSSIBLE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND EXPLAINING US POLICY TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA. SUCH CONTACTS NOT IN ANY WAY DIRECTED AT ADVISING, ENCOURAGING OR OTHERWISE INFLUENCING ANY GROUP OR SHOWING FAVOR TO ONE OVER ANOTHER.

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